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Last January I was attacked with a severe Cold, which, by neglect and frequent exposures, became worse, finally settling on my lungs. A terrible cough soon followed, accompanied by pains in the chest, from which I suffered intensely. After trying various remedies, without obtaining relief, I commenced taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was

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for Colds, Coughs, and all Throat and Lung diseases, ever used in my family.—Robert Vanderpool, Meadville, Pa.

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The Wabash Railway will run a Cheap Excursion to California February 9th and 23d. For particulars call at Wabash ticket office, or call on Thos. Bivans, Ex. Ag't, over P. O., Decatur, Ill. 7-dtd

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Railroad Time Tables.

WABASH, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC RAILWAY.

NOTE—"From" denotes time of arrival; "To" denotes time of departure.

FROM ST. LOUIS		TO ST. LOUIS	
No. [illegible] Pass	11 50 a m	No. [illegible] Pass	3 50 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	10 45 a m	No. 43 Pass	4 15 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	11 [illegible] p m	No. 5 Pass	3 05 p m
No. 70 Freight	[illegible] p m	No. 71 Freight	5 45 a m

FROM QUINCY		TO QUINCY	
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] p m	No. 43 Pass	4 45 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	11 25 a m	No. 45 Pass	3 15 p m
No. [illegible] Acc	[illegible] p m	No. 47 Acc	7 00 a m
No. [illegible] Freight	11 00 a m	No. 71 Freight	12 30 p m

FROM TOLEDO & DETROIT		TO TOLEDO & DETROIT	
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. 46 Pass	1 25 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] p m	No. 44 Pass	11 40 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	10 55 p m	No. [illegible] Pass	10 55 p m
No. [illegible] Freight	5 00 p m	No. 70 Freight	7 20 a m

FROM CHICAGO		TO CHICAGO	
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. 2 Pass	12 45 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	2 50 p m	No. 4 Pass	11 59 a m

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

SOUTH		NORTH	
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. [illegible] Pass	5 02 p m
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. [illegible] Pass	10 17 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	2 40 p m	No. 11 Freight	9 00 a m
No. [illegible] Freight	[illegible] p m	No. 7 "	11 25 a m
		(Sunday only.)	

INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & SPRINGFIELD.

ARRIVE		DEPART	
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] p m	No. 2 Pass	11 55 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. [illegible] Pass	10 50 p m
No. [illegible] Freight	9 00 a m	No. [illegible] Freight	6 00 a m
No. [illegible] "	[illegible] p m	No. 11 "	6 30 p m

PEORIA, DECATUR & EVANSVILLE.

No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] p m	No. 2 Pass	10 52 a m
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. 4 Pass	10 12 p m
No. [illegible] Freight	[illegible] a m	No. 11 Freight	2 15 p m

ILLINOIS MIDLAND.

WEST		EAST	
No. [illegible] Pass	[illegible] a m	No. 2 Pass	11 45 a m
No. [illegible] Freight	5 00 a m	No. [illegible] Freight	4 20 a m

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NOTES bear interest only when so stated.

RED UNDERWEAR at a sacrifice at Cheap Charley's. d&w

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

—Fur rugs, to be in the acme of fashion, must have the head, feet and tail of the beast on.

—Leaves gathered into heaps and allowed to lay and decay for two or three years make an excellent fertilizer for plants.

—Do not sacrifice your best lambs and ewes because the butcher offers an extra price, but retain them for breeding purposes, first securing a pure-bred male for grading up.—*Prairie Farmer.*

—Plain pudding: Bread crumbs, put into a pie-dish, with alternate layers of stewed apples and a little sugar, when baked, makes an excellent pudding, the juice of the apple making the bread crumbs quite moist.—*Good Housekeeping.*

—Farmers often complain that potatoes are an exhaustive crop. This can hardly be otherwise when the entire crop is taken from the soil and no part of it returned. Potatoes draw largely upon the supply of potash in the soil; hence, a liberal supply should be given this crop, in order that the soil may not be robbed of this particular element of plant food.—*Western Rural.*

—Graham gems: One coffee cupful of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water, one egg, three tablespoonfuls melted lard, one tablespoonful of molasses, one-half teaspoonful of salt, two scant teacupfuls of flour. Place the gem irons on the stove to heat while you are mixing the batter and grease well before using. Bake in a quick oven.—*Toledo Blade.*

—Frozen poultry is often sent to market. Such fowls should be dry-picked. The method is to pack a layer of poultry in a case and allow it to freeze before putting in the next layer, and so continue until the case is full. Then nail on the lid and keep the case where the poultry will not thaw until the market is reached, as alternate freezing and thawing is injurious. The different kinds and sizes should be separated.—*N. E. Farmer.*

—Hominy muffins are nice for breakfast. Beat a pint of cerealine to a smooth paste, adding one-half pint of flour, with a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder and a teaspoonful of salt. Beat the yelks of two eggs, mix them with two cups of warm milk, two ounces of sugar and two ounces of butter; mix quickly with the hominy, adding the two whites of eggs beaten to a froth; pour the batter into hot muffin rings or pans well buttered and bake in a quick oven.—*The Caterer.*

WINTER DRESSES.

The Universal Popularity of Bead Trimming for All Kinds of Costumes.

Diagonal wool striped fabrics are shown with alternate strips of plush or velvet in skirts, upon which are draped Russian polonaises of serge, French camel's hair or silk bourette suitings. There are also handsome striped velvets in harmonizing colors that are used for dress skirts only; a shawl drapery of some contrasting material covers part of the skirt and also forms the waist, all in all making a very stylish dress. The plainer dresses are made the more fashionable they are termed. Brown from all appearances seems to be the color this winter. The majority of suits now worn are made of two materials at least; some are composed of three and more, as velvet, serge and satin.

There is little if any change in the make of dresses. Darts are still long and high, a most unbecoming fashion for stout people, and shoulder seams short, while collars are just as high as can possibly be. Plaits when seen upon the skirts of tailor-made dresses are very loose. Even for ceremonious occasions wool is seen in many of the dresses. The plaits in the back of the basque should be held in place by an invisible tape to prevent their flying out of place. The bottom of basques are now very short over the hips, pointed in front, and at the back are formed into an almost square postillion laid in flat pleats. Even the middle seam in the back is boned to the very end. There are now trimmings of all kinds that come ready made for children's clothing. They are produced by machinery, are handsome and seem almost indestructible.

Bead trimming is used extensively on dresses, but it is rather expensive, as the beads cut the thread and keep continually dropping off. The best manner of securing them is to take a very fine wire, pass it through the beads; or, in other words, string them on it; not loosening them from the braid on which they are fastened at all, but after the braid is sewed on the dress then pass your wire through the beads and fasten securely at both ends. This is the only means of securing them.—*N. Y. Cor. Detroit Free Press.*

Care of Horses' Feet.

It is generally conceded by horsemen that lameness originates chiefly in the faulty treatment of the horse's foot. This fact suggests several recommendations for the mitigation of the evil: First, bare feet. It may be stated as a general proposition that any horse with fairly good feet need never be shod at all. In the barefooted horse the heels spread out, the frogs descend, ridges form upon the soles, giving to the bottom of the feet a good purchase upon either a rough or smooth surface. He soon learns to rely upon himself and so adjusts his equilibrium to motion that he neither strains himself, nor slips nor stumbles. Horsemen have often given this plan a short, fainthearted trial, but on the first manifestations of foot soreness at the end of a few weeks, and before the feet have become inured to the change, usually have the shoes replaced again. —*Spirit of the Turf.*

Coughs and Colds.

At this season nearly everyone "takes a cold." King of Oils will promptly relieve it, as well as croup, catarrh, diptheria, rheumatism, burns, frost-bites, kidney troubles and all aches and pains. Give it a trial—only 25 cents. Sold in Decatur by Dr. A. J. Stoner and W. C. Armstrong. Jan 11-87-dawly

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REASONS.

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Redemption Notice.

To H. J. Eyman and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of land and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1885, for the taxes for the year 1884, I purchased the following tract of land, to-wit: Part of east half of northwest quarter of section 24, township 16, north range 1 east of the 3d P. M., taxed in the name of H. J. Eyman, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1887.

Jan31d3w JOHN N. BILLS.

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Farm Lands for Sale!

I offer at private sale the following lands, viz: The north half of section twenty-one, and the east half of the southeast quarter and the south-east quarter of the northeast quarter of section sixteen, all in the town of Todd's Point, Shelby county, Illinois.

Eighty acres of the above is good timber land, and the balance good farming land, about 150 acres in cultivation, and 210 acres in meadow and pasture.

The land is well watered and can be easily drained by tiling. It is fine rolling prairie, all under fair fence with cross fences, and has a comfortable farm house and buildings and a good orchard on the premises.

This land can be divided into three good farms and if desired will be so divided.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money in cash, and the remainder in payments to suit purchaser.

Communications can be addressed to Thomas Fleming, Todd's Point, Shelby county, Illinois, or I can be found at that place by parties desiring to examine the land.

Jan20w2mos THOMAS FLEMING.

DR. A. S. WALTZ,

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles T. Condell, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Charles T. Condell, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur at the March term, on the third Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1887.

MILTON JOHNSON, Administrator.

Jan24d3w

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MONDAY EVE., FEB 14, 1887

Lincoln's Birthday.

The birthday of Abraham Lincoln was celebrated on Saturday night by the Republican Club of New York, with a dinner at Delmonico's which was attended by many of the great lights of the party from all parts of the country. Mr Blaine, who was to have responded to the toast of "Abraham Lincoln," was unavoidably absent, but sent a most eloquent letter, the reading of which excited much enthusiasm. Senator Sherman also sent a letter, in which he aptly referred to the political situation. He wrote:

"We have tried a change, and what has been the result? A discordant party, unable to agree upon a line of foreign and domestic policy ... upon the ... question ... foreign relations, distinguished only for the marked prominence ... given to confederate soldiers in foreign courts and now with a term of office half spent, the House of Representatives ... by a large majority, is unable to formulate a single measure of political importance upon which it can agree with a Democratic President. ... Surely the time has arrived when the Republican party should again assume its great mission. The true policy ... under the operation of laws placed upon the statute books by Republican administrations ... taxes are so levied as to produce an overflowing revenue without a serious burden upon the people. We are at liberty to choose between reducing our revenues and expending our surplus in great and beneficent objects of national desire. We can combine two lines of public policy. We could readily reduce the tax on sugar, while giving encouragement to domestic production in the form of bounty. We could repeal or reduce all taxes that do not tend to the encouragement and protection of domestic production. We could commence and establish a system of coast defense that will guard the great arteries of our commerce. We could place our navy again in a condition to be respected, and renew our participation in foreign commerce. We could make suitable commercial arrangements with our neighbor, the Dominion of Canada, and thus avoid all future controversies about the right of our people to fish in American waters. In this way, by gradual measures ... and mould the interests and desires of our neighbors with our own."

Gov. Oglesby responded to the toast "The War Governors," and waked up the assemblage by one of those bursts of eloquence which he knows so well how to use. He spoke of the various state executives known as "war governors," and as he referred to the popular favorites their names were greeted with loud applause. The telegraph report says "the mention of Horatio Seymour among them brought out a ... for supremacy between those who clapped their hands and those who hissed. Gov. Oglesby modestly omitted his own name but was applauded ... one of his auditors ... whole-hearted old man ... who ... himself."

"Her ... his party ... and added that ... 1888 ... but ... Republican ... was of ... and the ... and ... enough ... whole ... He ... of New York and New England ... get ... less ... too much ... to roll ..."

Ex-Consul ... of Mexico ... Senator ... to the ... the ... to the ... upon ... exchange.

The ... which the Consul ... Special Envoy called ... for Mr ... pigeon-holed the ... without giving any reason for ... Mr Porch ... No wonder the ex-Consul ... the eve.

Francis Murphy ... temperance man, not a political Prohibitionist, and for this he has been ... by nearly every fanatic from St John down. Mr Murphy made an allusion in a recent speech to the criticisms of his opponents which is worth reprinting. After scoring them for their uncharitableness and selfishness, he said: "There are lots of people who attack a man just because he happens to get sober himself without the aid of an act of the legislature. They seem to believe that it is right for a man to get sober by an act of the legislature, and not by standing up like a man and passing his own act of prohibition. That's the gospel of temperance I believe in, and I don't believe in going into a heated political fight to get men sober. They can be saved without the mean interference of politics. Politics never helped a man to be a man, and never will."

A free trade paper (the Boston *Herald*) remarks that, as a rule, the workmen who begin strikes demand more for an hour's work than are the wages of a full day in a large part of the world. The countries where a day's wages are less than an hour's wages in the United States are those that have a free-trade policy which the newspaper above quoted is so anxious for the United States to adopt.

Miss West, daughter of the British Minister, doesn't like the intrusion of uninvited guests at her receptions. Recently as a party of intruders approached the young hostess, she said to the intruders, with whom she was unacquainted, "You must have made a mistake; this is a private concert for invited guests only. Good afternoon." The party left.

Preferring to earn bread for their families rather than obey the autocratic dictate of a Master Workman the Brewers and engineers of New York refused to quit work when ordered. Their example is likely to ... contagious.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Bell Telephone Suits--Knotty Problems for the Supreme Court Judges.

Congressional Forecast--The Work of the Committees Completed--Prospective Proceedings.

Political Chickens Which Are Still in the Shell--Chinese Ambassadors in Church.

The Bell Telephone Suits—Knotty Questions For the Big Wigs of the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Feb 14.—The magnitude of the interests involved—by many placed as high as one hundred million dollars—the rival claims to one of the greatest of modern inventions, the open charges of fraud against Bell and of imposture against Drawbaugh, the brilliant array of counsel, the scientific theories advanced in explanation of the marvelous combination of the laws of acoustics and of electricity to produce the miracle known as telephone and the unusual time given to the argument by the court, make a truly celebrated case of the telephone controversy which has just been argued and submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. When the case opened two weeks were assigned to the argument, and for the first time in the history of the court, the readings on Monday—the decisions—was omitted that the time might be given to the counsel in the telephone cases.

There were five cases, by as many different companies and inventions, all antagonizing the Bell patent.

The Dolbear case was only for a piece of the telephone—only a plea to be let in with the Bell patent, to the exclusion of all others on the ground that Dolbear ought to be allowed to use a half of a telephone of his own with half of Bell's.

The Molecular Company deny the originality of the Bell invention and insist that Philip Reiss, the German, was the inventor.

The Clay Company attacks the Bell Company on the absence of some legal formalities in its organization as well as otherwise.

The People's Company claims that the telephone was the invention of Daniel Drawbaugh of Pennsylvania, and that he first produced both the magneto and the carbon telephone.

The Overland Company deny the validity of the Bell patent on all of the above-mentioned grounds, and also charge that Bell, by corrupt aid of a patent, and the corrupt conduct of an examiner in the Patent Office purloined from Elisha Gray his invention of a transmitter.

This in brief outlines the different directions from which came the great and combined onslaught on the Bell people in the Supreme Court.

Bell's lawyers met the assaults of their antagonists in these five cases with the claim that to make a telephone of the Reiss device was a scientific impossibility; that Drawbaugh was a charlatan and an impostor, and that Gray had himself admitted that Bell had created the telephone.

The court had some knotty and intricate questions to decide and months may elapse before a conclusion is reached in these cases, such as: Whether the laws of electricity and acoustics can be monopolized by a discoverer of their power in combination. If yes, then who was the discoverer? If any, then how much of the telephone is patentable? Whether Drawbaugh's claim to priority of invention is good, and whether Gray's caveat furnished Bell the basis of his patent.

It is the opinion of many people, including it is said the Bell people themselves, that the greatest danger to the Bell patent comes from the Drawbaugh patent, whose attorneys produced what they claimed was overwhelming testimony that their client exhibited a speaking telephone at his shop near Harrisburg long before the date of Bell's patent. Sixty witnesses have sworn that they saw it through.

Mr Storrow for the Bell Company; Mr Lowery for the Molecular Company, and Mr Lysander Hill for the Drawbaugh Company made the scientific arguments before the courts, and each seemed to have completely answered all existing knowledge and all prevailing theories concerning the laws of sound and electricity. They were listened to with close attention and were often questioned by the judges. The case can not be decided until each justice has examined the record, some twenty thousand pages, as fully as he desires. Then, in a consultation of the court the judgment of each member will be given and then the chief justice will assign to one of the majority the duty of writing the opinion of the court. A copy of the record is now at each judge's room. Whether the month's vacation just taken by the court will afford sufficient time for its examination is somewhat doubtful. The opinion may be reached in time to be written and announced before the adjournment in May, or it may not be ready for announcement before the October term.

The Congressional Forecast.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Very little work will be done by Congress during the remaining seventeen days of the session other than on the floors of the two houses. Committee work, with one or two exceptions, is finished, and there will be no further meetings. The proceedings on the floors will, too, be conducted with great rapidity, and while some days may be thrown away in useless debates, others will be fruitful of unusual results. The status of the various measures destined for final passage before the 4th of March continues to be of such a character as to make prognostication uncertain.

In the Senate to-morrow Mr. Cameron intends to call up his bill providing for the construction of war vessels and hopes to have it passed with little talk.

Mr Hale intends to ask the Senate to consider his bill of the same character very soon thereafter.

The Anti Mormon bill is anticipated from the conference committee by the Senate to-morrow or Tuesday and will likely be disposed of at once.

The River and Harbor bill will be ready for discussion by the middle of the week. This will consume two or three days in all probability.

Wednesday, after two o'clock, has been set aside for eulogies on the late Senator Pike of New Hampshire.

To-morrow is District of Columbia day in the House of Representatives, when various measures of interest to Washington are to be considered.

On Tuesday Chairman Belmont, of the committee on foreign affairs, will ask the House to complete the Consular and Diplomatic bill debate which was begun early last week.

Wednesday eulogies on the late Senator John A. Logan, of Illinois, are to be delivered.

The Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill is to follow the completion of the Consular and Diplomatic bill. This measure has much new matter in the form of changes of salaries of officials and will excite considerable debate, probably consuming the remainder of the week.

Mr Hatch will insist, if opportunity offers, that his Pleuro Pneumonia bill and the Experimental Agricultural Station bill be considered.

It is likely that the conference committee on fortifications will report during the week, and its report is privileged and may be considered at once. A pressure is being brought to bear for an early report from this committee and when it reports the same pressure will be exercised for immediate consideration of the report, so as to relieve the committee on appropriations from the responsibility on the subject, there being a number of bills before it, making appropriations for coast defenses, and it is intended that the measure, which will be reported by the conferees on fortifications, shall be a substitute for these bills, and that the committee on appropriations shall thus be relieved of the whole question.

If the Senate acts on the anti-Mormon conference report it will likely be taken up in the House during the week.

Friday is private bill day, but it is generally conceded that it will be set aside, as the House is disinclined at this late day, when there is such a press of general measures, to give up a day to private ones.

Yet to be Hatched.

WASHINGTON, Feb 14.—Some Democrats continue to predict that Riddleberger will either resign or go boldly over to the Democratic side, if Democratic Senators are seated from Indiana, New Jersey and West Virginia. In that event it will make the Senate a tie on all political questions. There is some talk, too, of possibilities in the matter of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, who, it is said, is chafing under his party's discipline. Not long ago, when a vote was being taken upon some party question, he voted with the Democrats, Mr Hoar, thinking Mr Mitchell had misunderstood the question, went over to him and whispered softly in his ear:

"I know what it is, and I won't change my vote," said the Oregon man in a voice that could be heard all over the chamber, and Mr Hoar went to his seat blushing like a venerable virgin of forty-eight who had just received a proposal of marriage.

Chinese Embassadors in a Methodist Church.

WASHINGTON, Feb 13.—The Chinese ambassador and three of his attaches attended the Metropolitan M. E Church this morning to hear Rev John P Newman's discourse upon the recent proclamation of the Emperor of China opening that great empire to Christian tolerance. The church was crowded, many persons being unable to obtain seats. The ambassador's party occupied the pew of the late General Grant.

MORE SAND THAN SENSE.

A Hotly Contested Mill Between George Lardwood and Frank Stirk.

CHICAGO, Feb 13.—One of the most hotly contested skin glove contests that has ever taken place in this vicinity, occurred early yesterday morning in a vacant barn, about five miles south of this city, the contestants being George Lardwood, of New York, known as the "Hammer," and Frank Stirk, of Philadelphia, each of whom weighed, when stripped, in the neighborhood of 160 pounds. The battle which was for $300 a side and the gate money, was witnessed by only about twenty people beside the referee and seconds, and they paid $10 each for the privilege.

Lardwood started in to rush matters while Stirk stood on the defensive but in the second round Stirk knocked his man clean through the ropes and as soon as he was on his feet again, knocked him into his corner.

In the seventh round Lardwood got his second wind and in the tenth round hit Stirk at will, closing both his eyes and blinding him so that he had to feel his way on the ropes.

Stirk refused to listen to the entreaties of his friends to throw up the sponge, and in the eleventh round said, "push me toward the middle of the ring," which his seconds did. Lardwood then gave him a terrific right hander upper cut and Stirk fell like a log, but at the end of nine seconds was on his feet again. Lardwood now refused to hit him, as he did not want to punish so game a man any more, but Stirk still insisted that the fight should go on.

In the twelfth round "The Hammer" stood looking at his man for fully a minute, and then landed a terrific right-hander on Stirk's jugular, knocking him completely out. Stirk was terribly punished, while Larwood had but a few marks to show.

A purse of $100 was raised among the spectators and presented to the loser.

The Belfast "Spider's" Challenge to Tommy Warren.

BOSTON, Mass, Feb 13.—In answer to Tommy Warren's challenge to fight any feather-weight in the world, Ike Weir, the Belfast "Spider," telegraphed him that he would fight for a purse of $1,500 and a side bet of $1,000. Warren answered yesterday that he would only consent to fight for $5,000. Warren's answer is considered a back down. Weir and Jack Williams the instructor of the Athenaeum club in this city, signed an agreement last night and a forfeit of $75 was deposited by the backer of each man. The men are to fight at 120 pounds and the battle will take place in March.

The Wrestlers.

BOSTON, Feb 13.—John McMahon has written to the *Herald* accepting the challenge of H. M Dufur, of Marlboro, to wrestle to a finish, at any time after March 10, for the world's championship, the winner to take both the belts now held by McMahon and the one held by Dufur.

Will Establish Free Shops.

HAVERHILL, Mass, Feb 14.—There is a movement on the part of some of the heavy shoe manufacturers to close their manufactories on or before the 31st of March. The general opinion is that the object in view is to establish free shops. The removal of manufacturers to other localities is having its effect upon business, and cannot continue without being seriously felt by the workmen.

The San Joaquin Ranch Sold.

SANTA ANNA, Cal, Feb. 13.—Notwithstanding contrary reports, it is positively affirmed that the famous San Joaquin ranch, containing 480,000 acres, has been sold to a syndicate representing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for $1,250,000. Vice-President Smith of the Santa Fe road is reported as saying the purchase would not interfere with the construction of his road to San Diego.

CRIMES AND HORRORS.

An Insane Father Strangles His Infant Child and Then Hangs Himself.

Three Prisoners Roasted to Death in Their Cells--Suicide or Murder?--Incendiary Fires.

Three Choir Boys Drowned--A Reverend Victim of Drink--Found Frozen to Death.

Strangled His Baby and Hanged Himself.

OMAHA, Neb, Feb 13.—Jacob Jacobson, a well-to-do Dane, fifty years old, who has for the past sixteen years been foreman of a harness shop in this city, created quite a sensation here yesterday afternoon by tying a bed-cord about his baby boy's throat, and choking him to death in his crib and, then hanging himself in the cellar of his home. Mrs Jacobson was shopping, and although the tragedy was enacted at five o'clock she knew nothing about it until two hours later, when she returned to the house. The shock of the discovery was so great that her reason was dethroned and her recovery is doubtful. The cause of Jacobson's act was moroseness, verging on insanity. He has been confined to his house for seven weeks by a varicose vein in one of his legs, and the pain and worry had affected his mind.

Three Prisoners Roasted to Death in Their Cells.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn, Feb 14.—By a fire in the jail here yesterday morning three prisoners were roasted to death. The men were confined in cages on the first floor. The jailor and ten prisoners were on the second floor, and barely succeeded in escaping. The three men on the first floor were Wells Lyons, charged with forgery, and Mose Manoy and Jack Erwin, charged with train wrecking. Vigorous efforts to release them were made, but the fire spread so rapidly that nothing could be done, and the crowd that gathered stood and heard the screams of the unfortunates as they slowly roasted to death, powerless to aid them. The other prisoners were turned loose because there was no place to keep them.

Suicide, or Murder?

DES MOINES, Ia, Feb. 14.—E S. Todd, a prosperous fruit commission dealer, was found dead in an ice-box in his store yesterday morning. Upon opening the ice-box a very strong odor of gas, and what seemed to be ether fumes, was noticed. The merchant was lying at full length on his face and stomach, as if he had arranged the order of his death, and with a handkerchief or napkin around his head. His watch was found on a box, the chain broken, and some nickels and some small silver near by. Beyond the ice-box was his hat, dented as if by a fist. In spite of the seeming struggle indications point to suicide.

A Forty Thousand Dollar Fire.

OGDEN, U T, Feb. 13.—At midnight last night fire broke out in a saloon building on the principal business street. A high wind was blowing, and three stores, two hotel buildings, and several dwellings were consumed. The loss is probably over $40,000; partly insured. It is believed that the fire was the work of incendiaries. An injunction was yesterday placed upon the saloon building, and this fact may have had something to do with it.

Return of a "Missing" Police Captain.

BROOKLYN, Feb 14.—Police Captain Jewett, who has been missing for two weeks, surprised everybody by returning to his home yesterday. He has given no information as to where he has been, but it is understood that he was simply doing a quiet piece of detective work. The idea that he was lost or had been put out of the way, arose from the fact that he neglected to advise any one of his mission.

Three Choir Boys Drowned.

BROOKLYN, Feb 14.—While playing on the ice at the Garden City lake this afternoon William Leo Eugene Griffin and Henry McTighe, choir boys of the Garden City cathedral, were drowned. The ice broke under them, and all efforts at rescue proving futile. Their bodies were recovered after being in the water three hours.

Sent to an Asylum as an Incurable Drunkard.

BUFFALO, N Y, Feb 14.—Rev O J Booth, who lately resigned the rectorship of the Church of the Ascension has been sent to the Utica Asylum on a certificate signed by Drs Cockley, Wyckoff and Granger that he cannot restrain his desire for stimulants. Mr Booth is the clergyman who had the exciting encounter with General Smith on a Niagara Falls train last month.

Found Frozen to Death.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass, Feb 14.—Mrs Carrie Hasby, who left her husband and family on January 4, and mysteriously disappeared, was found Saturday frozen to death near Ring's Lodge, about a mile from town. She probably lost her way and was overtaken by the storm. She leaves seven children.

Thirty Buildings Burned By an Incendiary Fire.

BUTTE, Mont, Feb 14.—Thirty buildings were burned at Anaconda by an incendiary fire Saturday. Loss, $75,000; insurance, $11,000.

RAIRDON'S INCONSISTENCY.

A Hot Old Time at a Prohibition Meeting.

DETROIT, Mich. Feb. 14.—The first gun of the Prohibition campaign in this city kicked at the breach yesterday, and came nearly ending in an ignominious row. The meeting was held in the Detroit Opera House, under the auspices of the W. C T. T., and after an address by a local clergyman, Senator Rairdon, whose vote decided the question of submission of the Prohibition amendment to the people, was called upon. The Senator objected to speaking, but the ladies wouldn't be balked, and he acquiesced. He did not make a prohibition speech, however, nor did he undertake to explain his own inconsistent position to be a mistake, and that the attempt to engraft that police measure into the Constitution would result disastrously to the cause of true temperance. "If you want something," said he, "unite with us to stamp out the tobacco habit, which is doing more to ruin our youth than whisky."

He rambled along at great length, and was interrupted frequently by cries of "time," "pull him off" and "cut it short" until W B Conley got the floor and entered his protest against usurpation. Then a stranger called for fair play, and denounced the gagging process.

By this time the audience was in a state of intense excitement. The presidentess of the meeting manifested her anxiety by her appealing glances directed toward the chorister; that functionary rallied his forces and drowned out all controversy by a stirring hymn.

Senator Rairdon is a Republican, who was counted into the seat temporarily occupied by John F Goodman. It was understood that he would support the proposition to submit the amendment, and he had no difficulty in making his election sure when his case came before the judiciary committee of the Senate.

A Living Falstaff and a Dead Percy.

WASHINGTON, Feb 13.—In regard to the letter of Colonel F D Grant of February 8 to Major W C Carroll, of Baltimore, General Boynton says:

Colonel Grant seems to forget the publication of the letters of General Rawlins and other facts related thereto was in reply to an attack upon the gentleman connected with the *Commercial Gazette* initiated and conducted by those who assumed to be the friends of General Grant and that it was carried on by them with much bitterness for a year and a half. He forgets that it was based upon a private letter of Mr Halstead's, written during the war, conveying to a Cabinet officer some very startling facts in regard to the habits of the commanding General on the Mississippi which it was proper to communicate, and most important to have privately known. He seems also to forget that these published letters of General Rawlins, admitted to be correct in the very letter which he now condemns, fully establish the correctness of the essential facts thus privately made known to Mr Chase at the time when there was ample reason to fear that they might put in peril the safety of the army.

So long as the newspaper assaults were on one side, and one side only was dealing in stolen private letters, and treating them in the discussion as if the author had opened a public attack upon the memory of General Grant, the contest seemed to afford general and prolonged amusement to all concerned in carrying it on but since those attacks have turned upon the field with the conclusive evidence of the Rawlins letters upon the main points of the controversy, there has been much to say of assaults on dead heroes and of assassins of character. The discussion is not a pleasant one, but from the first it has been forced by those who assume to be the friends of General Grant. It has now reached a stage where it rests with them to say whether it shall go on until the sorrowful array of details, but partially outlined by the Rawlins letters, become a part of the unquestioned history of the war. There are countless homes of mourning in the land in which in view of the revelations of those letters, the question will inevitably arise whether the death shadow did not fall upon them because of orders which should not have been given, or blunders which a clear head would not have made. There is something due to these heroes and to those who gave them to the country. The least of all which the country owes them is that war history shall be truthfully written.

Republican Presidential Prognostications.

DAVENPORT, Ia, Feb 14.—An interview was had yesterday with J S Clarkson, Iowa member of the Republican National committee, and one who doubtless stands nearer James G Blaine than any other man in the State. Mr Clarkson says that for fifteen years Mr Blaine has been his choice for President, and that during the period named he has known the Maine statesman familiarly. He thinks that Mr Blaine will not consent to become a candidate in 1888, for the reason that he (Blaine) has no desire to lead the party except in a successful fight, and that he puts party success above personal ambition.

"I have reasons for knowing that much of the popular estimate of Mr Blaine's anxiety to be President is incorrect," said Mr Clarkson. "He thinks Senator Allison is the strongest candidate that can be nominated, as the one most likely to be successful before the convention and the people. He says that Allison's candidacy would be peculiarly strong in the East, and he has advice that it is being freely discussed there. His long record in Congress and his course on financial subjects make him popular."

In reference to Senator Sherman, of Ohio, Mr Clarkson says he has friends actively at work in Ohio. "John Sherman never has been able to unite the State of Ohio," he added, "nor to have it cordially for him in the National convention. Allison would command hearty, unanimous support in Iowa. In other words, Sherman would have a half-hearted home support, and Allison a whole hearted and enthusiastic support."

Boston's Street Car Troubles.

BOSTON, Feb 13.—Two cars were sent over the South Boston road safely this morning, but a third was surrounded by a large crowd at Broadway and East street, where it had stopped to rest the horses. The few policemen stationed there were overwhelmed by the mob, and matters looked serious for a few moments. A strong force of reserve mounted police arrived just in time to check an assault upon the driver and conductor. They used their clubs freely, and soon dispersed the crowd. The car then finished its trip.

Gladstone's Absence Approved by Parnell.

BOSTON, Feb 13.—E. A. Perry cables from London to the *Herald* that a three hours session of the Cabinet yesterday was apparently insufficient to dispose of the pressing business laid before it. In regard to Gladstone's absence from Parliament, Mr Perry states that he learns that it is merely a matter of policy and that Mr Parnell approves it.

Base Ball—The Southern League.

MONTGOMERY, Ala, Feb 14.—D W Harris of the Birmingham Base Ball Club, is here in the interest of a Southern Base Ball League and has arranged for Montgomery to enter a club. A team will be organized at once. The Southern League will consist of clubs from the following named cities: New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Nashville, Memphis, Charleston and Savannah.

Fire in an Insane Asylum.

LANCASTER, Wis. Feb 13.—Fire was discovered in the county insane asylum in this place ten o'clock this morning. The flames were extinguished after the inside of the building was badly damaged by fire and water. The one hundred and five inmates were got out of the building, some of them badly overcome with smoke, but all will probably live. The building cost $30,000, fully insured.

The White River Junction Disaster—A New Bridge—Identified.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Feb 13.—The new trestle was completed to-day and tested, being pronounced perfectly safe. Travel over the road will now be resumed.

The body of another of the victims of the disaster was identified as that of Peter Plais, of Warren, Mass, and was turned over to his relative this afternoon.

A Large Purchase.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb 13.—Cullman, Ala., a famous German town on the South & North Alabama Railroad, has, with 18,000 acres of land, been purchased by a New York and Montgomery syndicate, headed by Moses Bros., of Montgomery. It is proposed to establish large enterprises and develop the mineral resources of that section of the country.

Editors in Russia.

A fact highly characteristic of the Russian press will be found in the social position of the 272 responsible editors who form the press staff of the two Russian chief cities, St. Petersburg and Moscow. Of these 272, no fewer than 51 per cent. are military or civil officers, 36 of whom rank very high in the social world, being Generals, privy councillors, and even State councillors; 65 editors are field officers or civil service officers of the same high rank; 37 are superior officers in the military or civil service, and 23 are noblemen, but not in the services.—*N. Y. Star.*

—A new coloring in nature is the "toboggan complexion," consisting of deep red on the cheeks and carmine on the ears and nose.—*Chicago News.*

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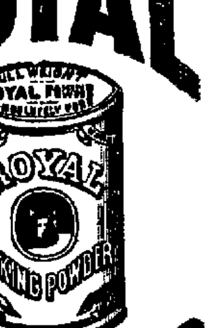

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
MACON COUNTY, }
In the Circuit Court of Macon County—In chancery. To September Term, A. D. 1886.
Sarah J. Burgess vs Charles A. Tuttle et al. Foreclosure—No. 12,634.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree entered at the September Term A. D. 1886, by the said court, in the above entitled cause, I, T. J. Caton, Special Master in Chancery of said county, will, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on

Monday, the 28th Day of February, A. D. 1887,

at the west entrance door to the court house in Decatur, in said Macon county, sell, at public vendue, to the highest and best bidder, the following described real estate, lying and being in the county of Macon, state of Illinois, to-wit: The north part of lots ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12) in block five (5) in Western Addition to the town now city of Decatur, as follows: commencing at a point on the east line of said lot twelve (12), seventy-six (76) feet from the south-east corner of said lot twelve (12), running thence west one hundred and sixty (160) feet, thence north to the alley, thence east one hundred and sixty (160) feet, thence south to the place of beginning.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash, subject to redemption.
Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 4th day of February, A. D. 1887.
T. J. CATON,
Special Master in Chancery of Macon County, Illinois.
JOHN A. BROWN AND MILLS BROS., Complainant's Solicitors. feb4-d3w

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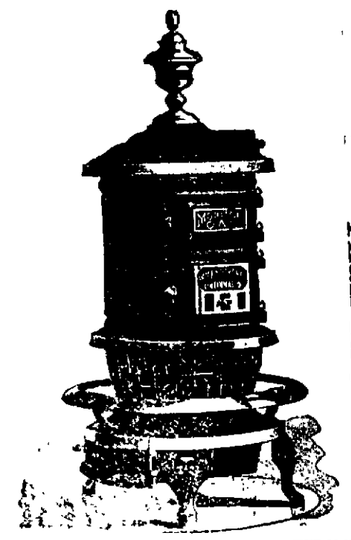

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DAILY REPUBLICAN.

MONDAY EVE., FEB. 14, 1887.

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will receive their diplomas on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,

the 16th and 17th,

at the store of

DINGES & COOP.

LOCAL NEWS.

FOR presents look through the mammoth assortment at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.

SCANLAN to-morrow night.

JUSTIN MCCARTHY February 17th.

IT is fraud to conceal a fraud.

SEATS are selling rapidly for Scanlan.

The infant daughter of W. H. Starr is getting better.

HOW MANY valentines did you get to-day?

COUNTY board meeting Friday to consider the state fair matter.

HAPPY Scanlan to-morrow night. Hear him sing.

THE pay-roll of the Decatur coal mining company footed up Saturday about $15,000 for January.

E. A. GASTMAN is the owner of the Stookey property on West Wood street; consideration, $3,000.

DON'T forget Hanks & Patterson at 143 South Water street for reliable groceries, fresh oysters, eggs and breakfast bacon.

LUNCH with us Wednesday and Thursday. Dinges & Coop. feb13-d3t

CHURCH meeting to-night at the Presbyterian church.

CALL up Niedermeyer on the Mound and order choice family groceries.

YESTERDAY at the First M. E. Sunday school there were 482 persons present—110 little ones in the primary department. The penny collection was $6.32.

MISS MAGGIE KEARNEY has removed to No. No. 222 South Main street, 3d house from Imboden's meat market, f14-d6t*

THE Iron Felloe farm wagons have stood the test of the roughest roads. Get one at Hamsher's shop on Wood street.

TRY ordering groceries from S. P. Cowan, successor to I. F. Peck & Co., in Haworth Block. Ritter's Preserves and Apple Butter at almost cost prices, and many other delicacies usually kept in a first-class grocery. feb9-d1w

THE last term of the county court convened to-day. Defaults were taken in the special assessment cases.

HOT biscuits, and Cerealine Flakes at Dinges&Coop's on Wednesday and Thursday. feb13d3t

CALL for Hatfield & Co.'s White Foam flour. It has no superior.

SPECIAL services will be held this week at Sargent Chapel, the Methodist mission church on South Broadway.

THE finest Vienna bread and superior California fruits can be had at J. Lytle & Co.'s popular grocery store.

A NOTE obtained by fraud or from a person in a state of intoxication cannot be collected.

THE Social Club will give a grand masquerade ball at the Guards' Armory on Thursday, February 17. Everybody invited, but no improper characters admitted. 14d4

SHELLABARGER'S White Loaf flour is sold by all leading grocers in town.

TELEPHONE to Smith & Son for Nickey butter and choice groceries.

A BILL may be written on any paper or substitute for it, either with ink or pencil.

THE members of the Sons of Veterans Camp will meet this evening at G. A. R. hall.

SEE Knode & Osborne at Newell Bros.' old stand for fresh groceries—new stock—and vegetables in season. Telephone orders receive prompt attention.

BILLY MYERS got worsted in the bout with Daly at St. Louis Saturday night. Perhaps Myers is working Daly for a fight to the finish.

CHOICE bulk oysters and California fruits are specialties at Lehman & Bolen's family grocery store.

THE P., D. & E. company will have a special coach from Decatur on Feb. 15th to take Decatur parties to the G. A. R. encampment at Rock Island. Train leaves at 6:40 a. m. Fare for the round trip $5.10. Tickets can be had of T. Peniwell at 207 North Main street. Tickets good going on 15th and 16th; return on the 19th. feb12-dtd

SELECT family groceries and buckwheat flour ready for use at Knode & Osborne's new store on Water street.

IN demand—Shellabarger's White Loaf and Daily Bread flour, sold by all leading grocers.

OYSTERS in bulk and by the can, and vegetables in season, at Hanks & Patterson's grocery store.

A LIMITED quantity of the Magic Carpet Sweepers, for One Dollar only, at d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

BUY a Haworth Iron Felloe Wagon. Best wagon made. feb9-dtf

J. M. HUFF sets a fine lunch at his place, just north of Millikin's bank.

ARTISTICALLY cut and made Children's Overcoats, at reasonable figures, in latest styles, at Stine's. daw

FOR first-class Upholstery, furniture repairing, carpet laying, awnings, tents, wagon covers, &c., &c., go to A. Beer, southwest corner old square. feb1d6m

GENT'S fine Neckwear, latest styles, at B. Stine's.

FOR sale by Spencer, Lehman & Co., the New Deal Wheel Walking Plow. The lightest draft and the most perfect plow made. f10-w2m.

THE new Smock House with 20 rooms is at 914 East Eldorado street. New beds, new furniture—everything new. Transients, $1.00 a day; week boarders, $4.00; day boarders, $3.50. Henry Smock in charge. 25d1mo

90 DAYS IN JAIL.

C. L. Hughes Sentenced—Other Court Matters.

Judge Smith heard motions and disposed of two criminal cases in the circuit court this forenoon.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Charles L. Hughes, the Wabash brakeman who made an attack on Conductor Creason, in Decatur, and was indicted for assault and for assault to murder, plead guilty to one count, that of assault, and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and was fined $25 and costs. Nolle entered as to other counts.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. Charles Cazalet and H. H. Harris, forgery; continued on motion of defendants.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

John K. Wilson vs. James Dermit et al; foreclosure; report of sale approved. D. K. Wilson and Jackson Wilkinson vs. F. and Emma Larrick; foreclosure; dismissed by complainant.

COUNTY COURT.

This afternoon in the county court Senator Johns made a formal presentation of the bar memorial adopted in respect to the late Judge Greer, and on motion the memorial was ordered to be spread upon the records of the court.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. K. Harwood is home from Chicago.

Miss Belle Burrows is visiting Mrs. Ed. B. Hillman at Peoria.

Mrs. W. Starr is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

E. D. Bartholomew left for New York this noon on a business trip.

Edwin Pratt arrived in Decatur Sunday afternoon from Litchfield, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunn Capps, of Illiopolis, were at the New Deming yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen are entertaining Mrs. Ed. Sanders, of Rochester.

T. C. Ponting and wife were at the St. Nicholas to-day.

M. J. Malone, the young bridegroom, received a big consignment of valentines this morning.

George Hunsley is no worse and no better to-day. He is still confined to his bed.

I. N. Coltrin, of the REPUBLICAN composing room, is confined to his bed by kidney disease. He is dangerously ill.

Judge Smith got in from Champaign this forenoon on time. The Judge was very much gratified to get into court so early.

Miss Abbie D. Block, daughter of Col. D. J. Block, and Frank E. Williams will be married at the Palace Hotel, Springfield, on Wednesday evening, March 2d.

Dr. Cass Chenoweth took a round trip walk of seven miles Sunday to visit a patient in the country. The roads were too rough for buggy-riding.

Edwin Carter, with Abbott & Co., smiles serenely as he thinks of the second little heiress who has come to brighten his home.

An Answer.

EDS. REPUBLICAN: I see in Friday's paper a new problem, which all can see is very easy. A digs 37½ yards, at $1.25 and earns $46.87½, according to the agreement between the partners. B digs 62½ yards, at 75 cents, and earns the same amount. Therefore, the proceeds, $100.00, should be divided.

I notice No. 1 of Friday's paper says that the beef problem has no solution. It has a solution, but no exact answer.

Very truly Yours,
D. J. C., or No. 2.

A Total of $33,754.50.

It costs a pile of money to run the state legislature 20 days. The members of the general assembly and the attaches of the state house will be paid off to-day. The pay-roll as made up by the state auditor contains the following aggregates: For pay of Senators, $5,100; for pay of Representatives, $15,195; for officers and employes of the Senate, $4,809.50; for pay of officers and employes of the House, $4,958; for employes appointed by the secretary of state, $3,702; total, $33,754.50. The money goes to 479 persons, as follows: 51 Senators, 153 Representatives, 85 Senate officers and employes, 99 House officers and employes, and 92 appointees of the secretary of state.

THIS morning Decatur got another job lot of weather which fills the air and puts mud in the streets. Sunday was a lovely day—air bracing, sun shining and walking good. To-day it's raining wetness and valentines, and the postoffice lobby is filled with youthfulness and gossamers.

KARL, the infant son of John Stuefsan died on Priest street Sunday afternoon. Funeral Tuesday from the German Lutheran church.

Y. M. C. A.

Ho Juniors. Gymnasium class to-night from 7 to 8 o'clock. The instructor will be present.

Mr. Heidel, the instructor of the Gymnasium class will meet with the class to-night and regularly hererfter.

Short-hand class to-night.

Pay Your Taxes.

The taxes for 1886 are now due, and as the time for collection is short, it is necessary that tax-payers should come forward without delay. Office with Mills Bros., over Linn & Scruggs' store. Office hours, from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

feb1-d2m H. MAHANNAH, Collector.

NOW DON'T miss seeing Scanlan if you wish to see an artist and a fine play. Popular prices.

THE Moline and Strowbridge Broadcast Seeder. Wholesale and retail at Spencer, Lehman & Co. f10-w1m.

SPENCER, LEHMAN & Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline wagon. feb8-d&wtf

EVERYBODY who goes to see Scanlan in "Shane-na-Lawn" to-morrow night will be glad they went.

CAREFUL attention to diet is the best guard against disease. It is a fact which all should know, that over-eating not only corrupts the blood but destroys nerve force and induces dyspepsia, jaundice, bad breath, piles, pimples, low spirits, headache, ague, malaria, and all stomach and liver troubles. Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic quickly cures the above diseases. Can be taken by the most delicate. Price 50 cents, of Dr. A. J. Stoner. b1

COMMENCING Monday, January 31st, the use of the Havana Line depot will be discontinued, and trains of that line will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot. No change in running time will be made at present. C. F. HILDRETH, ticket agent. 31d2w

OYSTERS and meals at J. M. Huff's, just three doors north of Millikin's bank

METALIC Weather Strips for windows and doors, the best and cheapest in the market, at d&w LINN & SCRUGGS.

FOR bargains call at Cheap Charley's.

A Sudden Death.

Philip Miller, father of Elmer E. Miller, dropped dead this morning at his home on North Morgan street, in the presence of his wife. Mr. Miller, who has been employed by the American Express company since last fall, had been ill for a period of four weeks, suffering with an attack of congestion of the lungs. He came down town Saturday and arranged to go to work this morning. He got up early, ate his breakfast and his wife put his dinner in his bucket. He was not in the habit of going to dinner as the distance was too great. He had stepped to the window to look out. As he did so he fell back without uttering a word and died in his wife's arms. Death probably resulted from heart disease. The deceased was a veteran of the late war and leaves a widow and three children. He was past 50 years of age. The time of the funeral is not fixed. He will be buried with military honors by members of the Grand Army Post.

Fainted in Church.

Just before services began at the First M. E. church yesterday morning, Mrs. Isabella Martin, who resides on South Water street, fainted in her pew, the incident causing some commotion for a few minutes. The lady was removed to the pastor's study, where she received attention. As soon as possible she was removed to her home. She is subject to fainting spells.

Death of Dr. J. H. Axton.

Saturday last Dr. J. H. Axton died at his home in Bloomington. The *Leader* says: "He had been ill for several months with a complication of diseases, which of late had taken the form of nervous prostration, and had gradually worn him out. Dr. Axton was a native of Kentucky, having been born in that state in 1828, and was therefore in his 59th year at the time of his death. He graduated in the medical department of the University of Louisville in 1849, and had been in active practice for nearly 40 years. Twenty-five years ago he came to Illinois and has since resided in this state. He was for many years located at Maroa, Macon county, and moved from that place to this city about a year ago. At that time he purchased the Watkins property on Market street, where he has since resided. Dr. Axton was twice married, and was the father of three children, two sons and a daughter. His first wife died a number of years ago, and his second wife survives him. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, although his illness has prevented him from securing a wide acquaintance here. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but in recent years had affiliated with the Prohibitionists." The deceased, was one of the democratic candidates for Representative in this district when Rogers, Ludington, and Durfee, were elected. Some months before the Doctor removed from Maroa to Bloomington he met with a painful accident at the Peddecord, Burrows & Co. bank corner, his cane catching in a crack of the wooden approach and throwing him violently against the stone curbing. Previous to that occurrence he was assaulted by Dr. Phillips, at Maroa, and was badly hurt. The Doctor had many friends in this community.

A HUGGING society is about to be organized in Clinton, a bank to be started with the proceeds. The rates will be as follows: For a straight hug, girls under 16 years, 20 cents each hug of two minutes' duration; from 17 to 25 years, 75 cents; school marms, 40 cents each; another man's wife, $1; widows, according to looks, 10 cents to $2; old maids, 3 cts., or two for a nickel, and no limit to time. Ministers not chaged, and editors to pay in advertising.—*Clinton Register.*

Encampment at Rock Island.

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 15th and 16th, the P., D. & E. R'y will sell excursion tickets to Rock Island at $5.10 for the round trip, good returning until February 19th. Train leaves Decatur at 6:40 a. m. 14

THE leading attraction this week—Justin McCarthy, Thursday evening, at the opera house, in his wonderful lecture, "The Cause of Ireland," full of patriotism and pathos, recounting the story of Ireland's wrongs. Let every patriot who loves his native land hear the eminent statesmnn. Tickets at Prescott's music store.

As a toilet article, Ayer's Hair Vigor stands unrivalled. It cleanses the scalp and removes dandruff, cures itching humors, restores original color to faded and gray hair, and promotes its growth.

IN the War of the Revolution the total militia force raised was 471,622 men. In the Mexican war the total number of United States troops was 181,282. In the late civil war the Union forces numbered 2,859,132 men, of whom 130,079 were colored. In this war, on the government side, 61,362 were killed in battle, 34,727 died of wounds, and 183,287 died of disease—about twice the number of the total killed in battle. The total deaths were 279,376, and there were 199,105 desertions.

STRAINS and external injuries are the chief causes of weak ankles and joints. By the free use of Salvation Oil a cure will be effected in a short time.

"And there was a mask ball that night." Yes, and they kept it up pretty lively until morning. You see *they* weren't afraid of the early frost—knowing that all the druggists keep supplied with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the old reliable stand-by.

Attention!

The members of Gen. J. H. Moore Camp, No. 14, Sons of Veterans, are requested to attend a meeting at G. A. R. hall on Monday evening next, February 14th. Business of importance.

R. J. OGLESBY, Capt.

Farmers, Attention!

We will be able to supply all who wish with good, clean sown seed, and think it is the most profitable crop that can be raised. It has proven such so far the past two or three years.

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THE "Peter Shuttler" is the best wagon in the world. feb8-d&wtf

EXTRAORDINARY Bargains—Five Dollar Smyrna Rugs reduced to $3.50. Four dollar rugs to $2.50.

daw LINN & SCRUGGS.

It Will Cost $15,000.

The indications are now that Decatur will have another street car line in full operation before the cyclone period sets in. Reference was made to the projected enterprise a few days ago. It is the purpose of the stock company to build a track from the old square on North Main street to Green or King street, thence east one block to Water, and north on that street to the P., D. & E. track. The improvement is estimated to cost $15,000. E. A. Jones, V. Barber, Michael Elson, H. W. Waggoner, Benj. Dill, Milton Johnson, George Brown, J. T. Hubbard, E. L. Martin, Harvey Pasco and others have taken stock in the enterprise. A business meeting of all parties interested will be held at George Brown's office on Friday evening next, when the various committees will report progress, and steps will be taken to organize under the state laws.

Going to Rock Island.

Representatives of the G. A. R. to the annual Encampment at Rock Island, Ill., will leave Decatur by way of the P., D. & E. railway at 6:40 to-morrow (Tuesday) morning 15th inst. Among those who will attend are Comrades R. P. Lytle, George R. Steele, Geo. S. Durfee, J. M. Blythe, W. E. Bingham, Jno. A. Barnes, John Grass, K. Harwood, C. M. Imboden, R. J. Roberts, of Dunham Post, No. 141, Decatur; Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, Mrs. Sallie J. Steele, Mrs. Mira Marks, Mrs. Isadore Winholtz, of Dunham Relief Corps No. 4, Decatur; John H. Miller, Tom Wood, Post Mt. Zion; S. Washburn, E. T. T. Willonghby, Macon Post; A. M. Green and — Lemon, Blue Mound Post; W. P. Buck and J. E. Gregory, Monwequa Post. Comrades from the posts at Maroa, Argenta, Sullivan, Bethany and Dalton City, will join the Decatur party. Parties intending to go should secure their tickets this afternoon of Thomas Peniwell at 207 North Main street. Tickets $5.10 for the round trip.

Rates for Mining Coal.

P. H. Donnelly, secretary of the Illinois State Miners' Protective Association, has returned to Springfield from the scale convention of miners and mine operators at Columbus, O. He says the meeting was entirely satisfactory on all sides, and sat from Tuesday afternoon till Friday morning at 4 o'clock. There were in attendance 139 operators and sixty-two delegates of the miners, representing Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia, of which twenty operators and fifteen miners delegates were from Illinois. The basis of the scale agreed upon has been given in the dispatches. Its application to the mines in Illinois fixes the rate as follows: At LaSalle, Spring Valley, Seneca, Minonk and Wenona, 90 cents a ton; Braidwood, 96; Streator, 80; Springfield, Lincoln, Petersburg and all mines in the same vein, 62½; Pana, Mt.Olive, Staunton, Girard, and all mines in the same vein, 58½, and Peoria 70. The scale is to take effect May 1.

The Logan Book.

M. P. Murphey, the Decatur agent, is meeting with continued success in the sale of Gen. Logan's book, showing that the people of this locality are doing their share toward placing the Logan family beyond want, while they are receiving in return one of the most valuable publications ever offered to the public. Mrs. Logan writes under date of February 3, as follows:

"I am much gratified at the increased sale of 'The Great Conspiracy,' as the book should be in everybody's hands on its own merits, to say nothing of its importance as the only established source of revenue left to me and our children by my illustrious husband, who worked very hard to make 'The Great Conspiracy' a valuable contribution to the political history of our country, and hoping through its sales to increase our income, that we might be prepared for misfortunes in the future. * * Having always devoted his whole life to public service to the exclusion of our private interests.

"Very truly, MRS. JOHN A. LOGAN."

"Shane-na-Lawn."

The Cincinnati *Sun* gave the following description of the W. J. Scanlan play to be given at the opera house to-morrow night:

"Peek-a-Boo" Scanlan opened a good business at Henck's yesterday. The play by Jas. C. Roach and J. Armory Knox has already been presented in this city, and has met with the hearty endorsement of the public. W. J. Scanlan is, of course, the attraction, and with him in the cast, the inherent merit of the play is a secondary matter. It is a pretty Irish drama, and is admirably adapted to the requirement of Mr. Scanlan. It furnishes a vehicle for the display of his personal attractions and the introduction of his songs. He is supported by a company which is quite as strong as there is any occasion for. Robert McNair, as "John Power," was deservedly popular with the audience. Miss Marian Warren played the pert pretty soubrette to general satisfaction. Miss Lillian Lee was attractive as "Rose," and enacted her part in a manner with which no fault can be found. George W. Deyo as "Gerald Power," and Sidney R. Ellis as "'Squire Redmond," are deserving of creditable mention for the manner in which they handled the parts entrusted to them. Scanlan's songs would form the feature of any performance in which he might take part. He has added some new ones to his new repertoire, which now includes the following of his own composition: "Scanlan's Rose Song," "Remember, Boy, You're Irish," "Come Along, My Darlin'," "Peggy O'Moore," "Why Paddy is Always Poor," "Gathering the Myrtle with Mary," and the old stand-by, "Peek-a-Boo."

New Livery Stable.

H. Stephenson has opened a livery and boarding stable at No. 144 E. Cerro Gordo street. Call on him. feb7-d2w*

THE Moline and Strowbridge Broadcast Seeder. Wholesale and retail at Spencer, Lehman & Co. f10-w1m.

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Commission Merchant:

WHEAT—73½ Feb; 73⅝ Mar; 74¼ Apr; 79½ May.

CORN—34½ Feb; 34½ Mar; 34¾ Apr; 39⅝ May.

OATS—24 Feb; 24 Mar; 24¼ Apr; 28⅞ May.

PORK—$13.55; Mar; $13.65 Apr; $13.72 May.

LARD—$6.75 March; $6.80 April; $6.87 May.

RIBS—$6.90 March; $6.95 April; $7.02 May.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 14,000; market 5c to 10c hiffher.

Cattle, 10,000; market lower.

Car Lots—Wheat: Winter 13. Spring 26; Corn, 91; Oats, 123.

Most Excellent.

J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Knoxville Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, and every affection of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Trial bottles free at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. Large size, $1.00. A3

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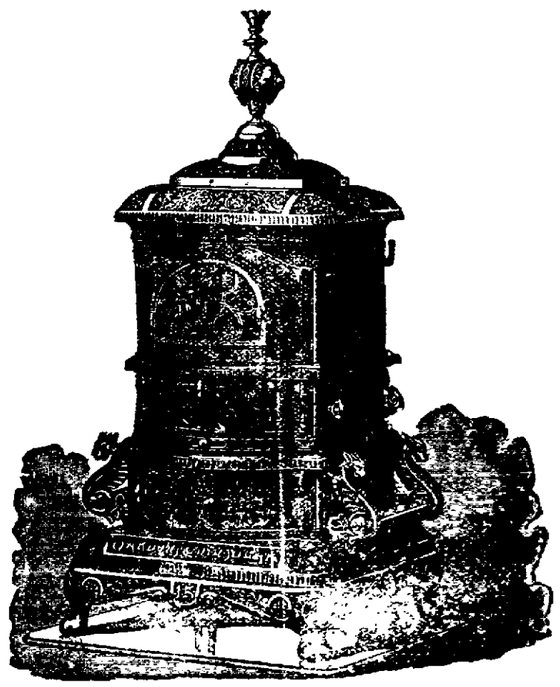

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2 White Shirts, for 95c
1 White, "Silver," for 80c
1 White, "Gold," for $1.00

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Dated this 9th day of February, A. D. 1887.
feb9-12td F. C. BETZER, Collector.

Special Tax Notice.

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PLANTERS OF RICE.

GEORGIA FARMERS WHO SAY THE TIMES ARE DULL NOWADAYS.

Contrast Between the Old Days and the New—Machinery Gradually Finding a Place—Reapers in Place of Sickles. Some General Information.

[Special Correspondence.]

SAVANNAH, Jan. 31.—Rice planters are great growlers. They are always complaining of something. If it isn't the weather it is the labor, and if it isn't the labor it's the price of rice. The truth is they have pretty good reason to complain. They are not as prosperous as they were when they owned their labor. Once they were regarded as the nabobs of all this section of the country. They had their fine houses and drove their fine horses. They went north or to Europe in the summer. Life had many pleasures and few troubles for them. They are cultivated gentlemen now, as a rule, but their pocketbooks are not as fat as they were thirty years ago.

But why the rice planting interest is not as prosperous now as it used to be, is hard to explain. Perhaps, after all, it is more prosperous than the rice planters would have the world believe. Those who make a living by tilling the soil are inclined to look on the gloomy side of things.

The methods of the cultivation of rice are gradually changing. The old planters remember very well when they had neither plow nor harrow, and when the planting was done with the hoe and the hand. The soil was turned up and the trenches were made with a hoe. The rice was drilled in the trenches by hand. Of course the planters had to have plenty of help. About all of them owned their labor, and, hence, they did not realize how much their crops cost to make them. In those days they considered that about ten hands were necessary to make an acre of rice. The hoe was kept moving pretty steadily until the crop needed no further attention. When the rice ripened the sickle was used to harvest it. It can be readily seen how slow the process was, and yet the planters were contented, and the negroes were apparently happy. Now only about half as many hands are required to an acre. The mule, plow, harrow and drill have largely superseded the negro and the hoe. The planter now talks about the number of plows he is running, instead of the number of hoes. His fields are prepared quickly, and the rice is put into the ground by a machine. The hoe is still useful, however, in cutting the grass out of the growing rice. The water does much of that, because the fields, which are almost always below the water courses, are flooded at stated periods during the growing season.

How long it was before the planter would permit a machine to cut their rice! "Oh, no," they said, "it will never do to let a reaping machine enter our rice fields, the rice is so lightly attached to the stalk that more than half of it will be lost." Their fears were overcome, however, and now the sickle is gradually becoming a forgotten instrument in rice culture. During the past season there were planters who even used the self binding reapers. If any one had suggested such a thing ten years ago he would have been regarded by rice planters as fit for a lunatic asylum.

What a remarkable change has taken place in the market value of the rice lands! When they were worked by slave labor they were assessed all the way from $100 to $200 an acre. Now the best of them do not command more than $30. They are not as productive now as they were when first placed under cultivation, but they are still very rich. They lie along the rivers and smaller streams, and are comparatively worthless for anything but rice. Under slave labor they yielded from fifty to sixty bushels an acre, and under free labor they yield from thirty to forty. There is no doubt that the cultivation under slave labor was in every respect superior, but it is probable that if fertilizers were used more freely the lands would recover their original fertility.

The negroes on the rice plantations are a queer lot. They see little of civilization and occupy a much lower place in the scale of intelligence than the cotton plantation negroes. Those not familiar with them find it extremely difficult to understand them. The malaria of the flooded rice fields does not affect them injuriously. It appears to agree with them as well as it does with the alligators. What shiftless, lazy creatures they are! They don't care much whether they work or not. The rivers and creeks afford them an abundance of fish and oysters, and doubtless they are not often without rice. They are given tasks just as in slave times, but they cannot be made to do the work well. If complaint is found with their work they will hunt for planters who will let them do pretty much as they please. What pay do they get? Well, not a great deal. About fifty cents a day, except at harvest time, when they get a little more.

There is one thing connected with rice in which there has been no advancement in half a century, and that is the pounding of it. The same comparatively crude methods which were employed by the mills when they were first established, to change the rough rice to clean rice, are employed by them now. The inventive faculty of the present day has left this field entirely alone.

"Of course the rice planters are all protectionists; they believe they couldn't live without a protective duty on rice. At present, however, they are not bothered by rice from abroad. Competition to the Georgia and South Carolina states comes from Louisiana, where a lower grade of rice is produced. Notwithstanding the complaints of the planters and the low price of rice lands, it is noticeable that plantations which have not been worked since the war are being taken up and placed in condition for cultivation.

E. NEIL.

The Star Spangled Banner.

The only changes of consequence that have been made in the Star Spangled Banner since the time it was first sung are in the following:

And where is the band who so vauntingly swore
'Mid the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country they'd leave us no more?
Their blood hath washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.

As originally written these lines read:

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.

In the same verse the line "banner in triumph shall wave" originally read "doth wave," and the fifth line "Then conquer we must for our cause it is just" read "Then conquer we must when our cause it is just."

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to *brace up*. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store. A3

No consideration is sufficient in law if it be illegal in nature.

California Excursion.

February 18th and March 15th, the Illinois Central Railroad will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal., at $75.05 for the round trip, tickets good going via New Orleans and the Southern Pacific, and returning by any of the direct lines. Tickets limited to six months from date of sale.

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HOW TO READ.

Employing the Leisure Hours of Each Day to the Best Advantage.

In my school days it was once my good fortune to spend a week in the summer vacation at the country home of a schoolmate. There was a large family of children, and the mother was a cultivated woman. There were rides, sails on the river, picnics, mountain tramps and all pleasant country diversions, but, whatever was to be the order of the day, the hour after breakfast was always set apart for reading. We all gathered in the breakfast room, or on the piazza, and one read aloud while the other listened. The reading during my stay was the "Lady of the Lake." At the end of every stanza questions were asked by the mother concerning what had been read, and one or another was called on to express the thoughts of the stanza in prose. The large atlas lay open at the map of Scotland, and every locality that was mentioned was looked for, and at the end of the first canto we were all requested to draw a map of the chase. To read any thing in that way was a revelation to me. I had studied English literature at school, as I had studied geography and grammar, learning to repeat what was set down in the book, and that was the end of it. I still remember the pleasant drives in the farm wagon, and the beautiful moonlight evenings on the Merrimac, but more vividly and more gratefully I recall those morning readings. They proved to me a most valuable series of lessons as to how to read, for never after did I read a book through rapidly and put it aside, thinking that I knew all about it. The "Lady of the Lake" has been a favorite poem with me ever since, and whenever I hear a quotation from it or meet in reading the names of Glenartney, Benvoirlich, Uam-Var or any of the localities mentioned in it, there rises before my eyes a vision of the broad piazza, with its charming outlook of sloping fields and waving corn, and the happy group that gathered so eagerly about the atlas at the close of the morning lesson.

How shall we employ to the best advantage the leisure hour that we can devote to reading and study? In the first place, if we can spare but an hour, or even a half hour each day for mental improvement, let us not give it all to the daily paper, nor to the new magazine nor to the latest novel. A dessert is an agreeable supplement to the regular substantial meal, but how would the body be nourished on the dessert alone? The newspaper and magazine are, or should be, the dessert for the mind. Reading without reflection is like constant eating without digestion. The mind becomes overtaxed and weary, and rejects all, assimilating none. A great deal more can be accomplished by systematic reading or study for fifteen or twenty minutes daily than appears possible to one who has never tried it. It would suffice to keep up French or German, and to become conversant with the best authors. Or a little time given daily to the earnest study of science, and one might become a skillful botanist or geologist. Or if English literature is more attractive—as it undoubtedly is to the great majority—how soon would one become familiar with Milton or Shakespeare, Bacon or Macaulay, if a few sentences were read and digested daily?

Above all things it is important that one should read systematically and not be guided by chance. Have always a good book, a standard work, that will repay careful study, at hand, and to that devote a part of the time that may be set apart for reading. Before opening the book recall as fully as possible what was read the day before, and on closing it see by reflection how many of the thoughts of the author you have made your own, and so cultivate memory.—*Boston Transcript.*

INSECT-EATING PLANTS.

Attractions Held Out to Insects by the Nepenthes or Pitcher-Plants.

Few plants in the vegetable kingdom are so interesting and attractive as members of the nepenthes genus—the insect-eating plants. They are natives of Borneo, Sumatra and adjacent islands of the Indian Archipelago. They have lately been extensively cultivated at Rose Hill, New Rochelle, where a remarkable collection of pitchers may be seen swinging from the roofs and posts of conservatories. The extraordinary appendage to the apex of the leaf of the nepenthes has obtained for it the name of the pitcher plant. Connected with the point of the leaf, by the means of a long, pendent, strap-like ligament, hangs a hollow tube of the color and consistence of the leaf, shaped much like an antique vase. This will hold from a gill to a quart of water. Extending over the mouth of this vase, or frequently thrown back, is a lid which never opens until the treacle-like fluid which exudes from the pitcher is ready inside to attract the insects that are ravenous for it.

Around the mouth of the pitcher is a hard, shell-like substance, which is always moistened with the sweet, sticky liquid that is so enticing but also intoxicating. One sip of it will cause an insect to lose his balance and fall into the vase, which is frequently found half full of flies. A peculiar ladder of spines decorates one side of the pitcher; up this bugs without wings climb to quaff the juice that is their destruction. So decorative and entertaining are nepenthes that they are among the favorite pendent plants placed in parlor conservatories this season. The new seeding N. Osborneanum is probably the most beautiful of this interesting family.—*N. Y. World.*

—Scented mucilage is a new thing in polite stationery.—*Chicago Times.*

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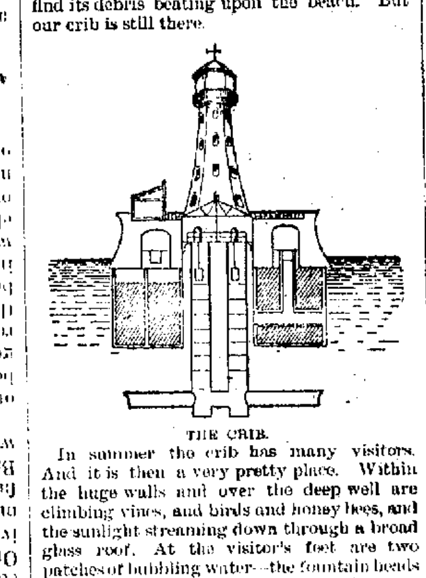
CHICAGO'S WATER WORKS

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF A BIG ENGINEERING WORK.

Aqua Pura Pumped from the Lake Into the Big City of the West in Enormous Quantities—Still More Water Needed.

[Special Correspondence.]

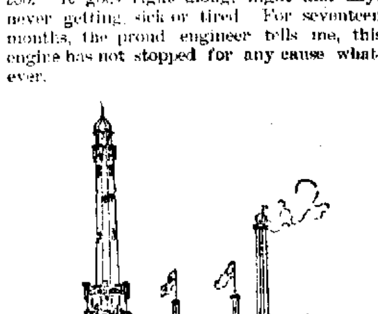
CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Twenty years or more ago Chicago tapped Lake Michigan with a tunnel, five feet in diameter and reaching two miles from shore. Later on a second tunnel, seven feet in diameter, was dug alongside the first one. Of course, there had to be something out in the lake to protect the ends of the tunnel from ice and for the shafts to find lodgment in. So the engineers constructed a big structure on shore, a great five-sided concern as high as a four storied house, built of the heaviest timbers, and strengthened with 200 tons of iron bolts. When completed they towed the ungainly thing out into the lake and, locating it at the ends of the tunnels, threw thousands of tons of rocks into the compartments provided for that purpose, this weight causing it to settle to the bottom. There it has stood ever since, through wind and storm. This is the water works crib, which every visitor has pointed out to him as he rides along the shore. Of course there is a keeper of this crib, a man who lives out there all the year round with his family. It is not a pleasant place to live in winter. The old crib has a habit of quaking in a storm which must be trying to the nerves of its denizens, and the grinding of ice against its sides often makes a roar exceeding in hideousness that of a Chicago political convention. At such times the crib appears to one stationed upon it to be an immense plow moving through the ice. The stability of the structure has been often questioned, and after a severe storm, dwellers on the lake shore have risen in the morning expecting to find its debris beating upon the beach. But our crib is still there.



THE CRIB.

In summer the crib has many visitors. And it is then a very pretty place. Within the huge walls and over the deep well are climbing vines, and birds and honey bees, and the sunlight streaming down through a broad glass roof. At the visitor's feet are two patches of bubbling water—the fountain heads of Chicago's water supply. Ninety-five feet below the surface the water is let in, and what a lot of it. He who stands an hour amid the blossoming vines which garnish this wonderful fountain head, will prove himself indeed fond of mathematics if he pause to calculate that in that time a lake 200 feet square and 16 feet deep—large and deep enough for the biggest ship in port to turn round in—has started on its journey to the faucets of Chicago.

Let us follow this flood for a moment. It flows through the tunnels to the shore, directly beneath the pumping house. Here six great engines are almost constantly at work lifting the water up to the tall tower, whence it falls through the 600 miles of mains throughout the city. This is all very simple, and yet on so great a scale that it almost takes one's breath away. The engines are of 5,000 horse power. One of them—the Brobdingnag—alone pumps more water than the entire city used fifteen years ago. Its working beams are 28 feet long, and the huge fly wheel is 26 feet in diameter. The periphery of this wheel travels 40 miles an hour, and every time it goes round it marks the lifting 100 feet high of nearly 3,000 gallons of water. Just think of it, 85 barrels of water at one fell swoop. When we were boys we thought the windmill out on the farm was doing some pretty lively pumping when it raised enough water in an hour for a dozen cows to drink. And this is such an industrious old monster, too. It goes right along, night and day, never getting sick or tired. For seventeen months, the proud engineer tells me, this engine has not stopped for any cause whatever.



CHICAGO WATERWORKS.

But these are not the only giants this great water system boasts. Away over on the west side, four miles distant, is another house full of iron workers quite as big and strong. Whence do they get the water they pump? Through another tunnel. Chicago is as fond of tunnels as of water or beer. Running right under the heart of the city from the shore end of the two lake tunnels to the west side pumping house, right under the Sherman house, the $2,000,000 city hall and scores of business blocks, is a tunnel five feet in diameter, through which a young river of 100,000,000 gallons volume flows daily. The congress of the United States has voted many generous slices of the public money to "improve for purposes of navigation" streams much smaller than this one.

The present capacity of Chicago's water system is 150,000,000 gallons daily, about equal to New York's supply, and exceeding in quantity that of London or Paris or Philadelphia, or any other city in the world save New York. Already Chicago's water works have cost $11,000,000, and are one of the wonders of this wonderful city, but more tunnels are to be dug and still other pumping giants to be erected. When Chicago sets herself about it she can do almost anything, except close her gambling houses.

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It has been predicted that the amazing popularity in which celluloid is held will one day get a setback by a serious explosion in some store or private dwelling in which there is a quantity of the stuff.

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For Mardi Gras at New Orleans the Illinois Central and P., & E. will sell round trip tickets from Decatur to New Orleans at $20.50, on sale February 16th to 18th, good to return until March 15th.

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USEFUL SCIENCE.

How Chirosophy Caused a Discreet Lover to Commit Himself.

It was cold and bleak without, but warm and bright within. They sat side by side near the glowing grate and watched the flickering firelight as it danced among the bric-a-brac on the table. They were both in deep thought, and no sound was heard save the sighing of the wind among the trees in the orchard and the measured tick of the ormolu clock which rested on a bracket against the opposite wall, and over which was suspended a snow-shovel covered with violet velvet and trimmed with pink satin ribbons.

"It was not an hour nor a scene for aught
But love and calm delight."

The youth was manly in appearance and the maiden a vision of beauty, and judging from their attitude and adjacency they were lovers. Suddenly the maiden broke the silence, the poetic silence:

"Have you heard of this new science called chirosophy?" she asked, in tones sweeter than the musical tinkling of a silver bell.

"I have, darling," he answered, in accents of ineffable tenderness; "not only heard of it, but have given it considerable study."

"Dear me!" exclaimed the maiden. "I am surprised. You have studied chirosophy? Then perhaps you will give me some instruction in the science?"

"Certainly, my own. Please let me have your hand."

"O, George?" murmured the maiden, overwhelmed with confusion and crimson with blushes; "this is so sudden."

"What is so sudden?" the youth asked, in surprise.

"Your asking for my hand," tremblingly responded the maiden. "But—there—what can I do but refer you to pa, and, believe me, dearest, you need have no fear of the result. He will certainly consent to my becoming your wife."

Then, throwing herself on the neck of her lover, the maiden gave vent to her emotions in a flood of happy tears.

Let us draw the curtain over this affecting scene.—*Boston Courier.*

—A citizen of St. Thomas, Ont., expended ninety-nine dollars in lawyer's fees and costs in collecting a debt of fifty-six dollars.

Excursion to Jackson and New Orleans.

The great Inter-State Dairymen and Fruit Growers' Convention will be held at Jackson, Miss., Feb. 16th, 17th and 18th. The Mardi Gras Festival at New Orleans, will come off Feb. 22d, and the Inter-State Agricultural Convention, at St. Charles, La., Feb. 22d, 23d and 25th. To accommodate all who desire to attend one or all of the above gatherings, the Illinois Central Railroad will run a Special Excursion, leaving Decatur at 5:02 p. m., Feb. 15, 1887. Fare to New Orleans and return, only $20.50. Tickets limited to 30 days, and good for stop-over privileges at Jackson, Miss., and Hammond, La., (where so many Northern people are settling.) Parties going to Jennings and Lake Charles will get low rates from New Orleans. One hundred and thirty dollars in premiums are offered for best exhibits of butter at the Jackson convention, and the Illinois Central Railroad will transport free, all butter packages for exhibition, from points on this line. Butter manufacturers should write the undersigned for Program and Circulars concerning the Jackson convention. Sleeping Cars and Coaches will run through to Jackson without change. Applications for Sleeping Car Berths should be made to the undersigned at Manchester, Iowa, on or before Feb. 10th.

J. F. MERRY,
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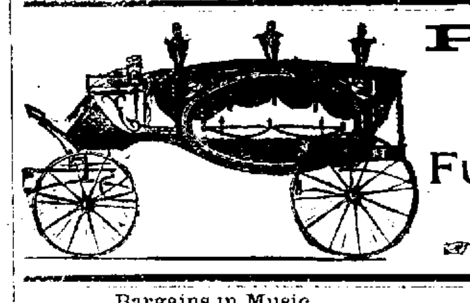

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